



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes Arts Commission

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Thursday, December 11, 2014

6:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:58pm

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Trent Hart, Commissioner Diana Fairbanks, Commissioner Stacy Hicks, Commissioner Ron Hinton, Commissioner Marygrace Jennings, Commissioner Katie Nelson, Commissioner Michael Olson, Commissioner Rick Perry, and Commissioner Danielle Westbrook

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trent asked for two additions under Business Items:

- Review Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair

- Olympia Artspace Alliance allocation from the Municipal Art Fund.

With those two changes, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[14-1168](#) Approval of November 13, 2014 Arts Commission Minutes

Trent asked if there were changes to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners shared information on past and upcoming arts events.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

15-0006 Review Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ron noted that other City Boards and Commissions use the term "Vice-Chair" instead

of "Co-Chair," and that the first term is more fitting for the Arts Commission positions.

Danielle moved to retitle the Arts Commission leadership positions to Chair and Vice-Chair. Katie seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

[14-0982](#) Nominating Committee for 2015 OAC Officers

Ron shared the recommended slate of the nominating committee: Marygrace for Chair and Stacey for Vice-Chair. Trent opened to the floor to addition nominations. Hearing none, Katie moved to close nominations, seconded by Michael.

The recommended slate of officers for 2015 was approved unanimously.

[14-1177](#) Arts Walk Cover Artists 2015

Stephanie shared there were 18 applications reviewed by the jury consisting of Kristen Etmund, Kathy Strauss and Rick Perry. The Commission reviewed submitted work by photographer Duncan Green, the recommendation for spring, photo-collage artist Doyle Fanning for fall, and painter Greg Caudell, as alternate. Trent noted that the APP committee had reviewed the recommendation at their 5pm committee meeting and had made the jury's recommendation their own. Rick shared that the jury wishes to emphasize to artists applying to keep their submissions within one style so that the jury knows what type work to expect from each selected artist.

Marygrace moved to approve the APP recommendation for 2015 Arts Walk cover artists, seconded by Michael. The motion passed unanimously.

15-0007 Olympia Artspace Alliance allocation from the Municipal Art Fund

Trent shared that he had communicated with Councilmember Selby about her intent to recommend to Council that \$50,000 from the Municipal Art Fund go to the Olympia Artspace Alliance. He invited Commissioners to share perspectives on the allocation. Commissioner Ron Hinton recused himself from conversation. He is currently Chair of the Olympia Artspace Alliance.

After discussion, Katie motioned for the Commission to support the allocation of \$50,000 from the Municipal Art Fund for the Artspace Project. Danielle seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Marygrace proposed an addition to Katie's motion, which Katie accepted.

Trent noted he would share the Commission's support with Councilmember Selby.

The final motion reads " The Commission supports the allocation of \$50,000 from the Municipal Art Fund to further the work of pre-development for the Artspace Project." The motion was unanimously approved, with Commissioner Ron Hinton abstaining.

[14-1180](#) Municipal Art Plan 2015

Trent remarked only two Commissioners had responded with change or comment to

the draft plan distributed last month. Katie responded that she appreciates the work of the committee and trusts their recommendation. Marygrace noted a particular segment that needs work is the project list: intention, timeline, where they fit in the grand plan. Other Commissioners and staff felt that a paragraph in front of the list would be sufficient, and that the list could be more general as each project will trigger their own process once approved. Commissioners agreed the document should be a 5 year vision.

Marygrace also observed that the City Hall funds were not represented in the project list, which leaves it incomplete.

Stacy, Marygrace and Stephanie will meet in December to work more on the Plan, and the APP committee will meet on January 8, 5pm, in advance of the OAC meeting, to work on a proposal for the City Hall funds.

The recommendation was discussed and continued to the Arts Commission due back on 1/8/2015

[14-1178](#) 2015 Arts Commission Work Plan

Stephanie shared that the Work Plan needs to be approved at the February meeting for review by the General Government committee. Commissioners will have additions for the January meeting.

The recommendation was discussed and continued to the Arts Commission due back on 1/8/2015

7. **REPORTS**

[14-1169](#) Commission Items

1.1 Survey of Economic Value of Olympia's Music Industry - Complete

1.9 Define Theater District - No report.

1.13 Comprehensive and Action Plan Update - Stephanie shared the updated Arts Index that she and Marygrace worked on, and shared comments from the Action Plan staff. Their public process starts January 1, and the index could stay, go, or be changed along the way.

1.14 Commission Retreat/Work Session - Complete

2.c Public Art Assessment - Complete

[14-1170](#) Community Events & Outreach Committee Report

1.3 Community Art Process Review - No report.

1.4 Artspace/Arts Center Support - No report.

1.6 Guidelines for Temporary Display of Art at City Hall/1.15 Community Arts Roundtable - No report.

1.8 Music Out Loud - Trent shared that as part of the upcoming December 16 General Government meeting, the Commission has proposed revisions to City Ordinance to allow for performing art as long as those efforts are tied to Municipal Art Plan.

1.11 Studio Tour - No report.

1.12 Music in Neighborhood Parks - No report.

- 2.a Arts Walk 48 & 49 - Complete
- 2.b Art Ambassador Program - Complete
- 2.d Arts Day at the Capitol - March 4, 2015.
- 2.g Area Arts Promotion - No report.

[14-1171](#) Art in Public Places Committee Report

- 1.2 Municipal Art Plan to City Council - See above discussion.
- 1.5 Utility Box Mural Project - Goes to General Government for review December 16.
- 1.7 City Hall 1% for Public Art - No report.
- 1.10 City Entry Signs - No report.
- 2.e Percival Plinth Peoples' Choice Award - Complete
- 2.f Public Art Projects - Trent shared that APP reviewed a menu of services for display of PW Tribute. Based on their feedback, staff will solicit bids. Trent will check with Debbie Sullivan at Public Works regarding placement of pieces on the third floor.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming

Accommodations